

**REMARKS**

Dependent claims 23-28 have been added.

Claims 23-28 depend on claims 1, 9, and 15 which have been indicated as allowable. As such applicants respectfully submit that claims 23-28 are in condition for allowance.

**CONCLUSION**

Based on the foregoing, all claims are believed allowable, and an allowance of the claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Bingham McCutchen's Deposit Account No. **50-2518**, referencing billing number **7011142001**. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or to charge any underpayment to Bingham McCutchen's Deposit Account No. **50-2518**, referencing billing number **7011142001**.

Respectfully submitted,  
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